State GoN'crnment by the Ministry- of Finance on 31.3.2000. This was in addition to the allocation of Rs. 207.00 crore to the State under Calamity Relief Ftind for 1999-2000.

Assessment of Average Rate of Crop Yield

†29ll. SHRl KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) V ihether any assessment regarding average rate of crop yield in irrigated and non-irrigated land has been made by Government;

(b) if so the rate of average crop yield of both the said areas separately; and

(c) the estimated average annual quantum of foodgrains in to be produced irrigated and non-irxigated areas of the country?

THE M 'INISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBl C SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) to (c) The Government have not made any officii assessment of average rate of crop yield separately for irrigated and i ion-irrigated land at all-India level.

Sunicide Agricultural Labourers and Farmers

†29I2, SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK ; PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV ; Will 1 he Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the farmea-s and agricultural labourers who have committed suicic Ic all over the country' for last si months alongwith the name of the State where the cases of suicides are maximum;

(b) whether i' is a fact that the incidents of suicides being committed by the farmers and ag ricultural labourers in Punjab are increasing as compared to those in the other States of the country-.

(c) if so. the number of suicides committed by the fanners and agricultural labourers as on date and whether Government have identified the reasons therefor and taken any action to prevent the asme and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, tlic reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO) : (a) to (d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had reported two cases of suicide b)' farmers during Dcccmbc-1999 due to failure of crops or indebtedness. The Government of Punjab has

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.